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For: SEM SAMPLE HOLDER APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING ENHANCED EXAMINATION OF MULTIPLE SAMPLES

**ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

**ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK**

Enclosed are:

- 9 Pages of Specification and 1 Abstract
- 3 Sheets of Drawings
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- An Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO/SB/08A
- A certified copy of Japanese Application
- An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504

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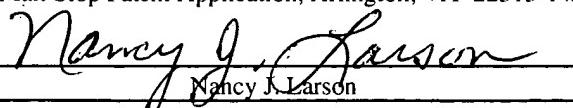
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